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MEXICAN NATIONAL PLEADS GUILTY TO ROLE IN METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Mexican national pleaded guilty in federal court today to his role in a methamphetamine conspiracy.

Genero R. Andrade, 33, a citizen of Mexico living in the Kansas City area, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., this morning.

By pleading guilty, **Andrade** admitted that he conspired to distribute between 500 grams and 1.5 kilograms of methamphetamine between Aug. 1, 2004, and Aug. 17, 2004.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Andrade** may be subject to a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in federal prison without parole, up to life in prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$4 million.

Andrade was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 8, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. The case was investigated by the Kansas City Metropolitan Drug Task Force and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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